

113 - BUILDING AND SAFETY

Operational Summary

Description:

The Building and Safety fund is a Restricted/Special Revenue Fund to enforce safety codes, ordinances and statutes related to construction and use of buildings, oil production, signs, zoning and community development in unincorporated areas of Orange County.

Strategic Goals:

- Process development permits.
- Provide excellent client services.
- Review building plans for compliance with building codes and regulations.
- Maintain plan check response time.

Key Outcome Measures:

Performance Measure	2001 Business Plan Results	2002 Business Plan Target	How are we doing?
NUMBER OF BUILDING AND HOME INSPECTIONS COMPLETED. What: Provide citizens of unincorporated Orange County safe building through compliance with codes. Why: To ensure safety of new residential and non-residential construction.	133,652 inspections projected to be completed.	Complete 141,175 inspections.	On pace to complete target numbers.
PERCENTAGE OF INSPECTIONS/REVIEWS PERFORMED WITHIN 1 BUSINESS DAY. What: Provide efficient customer service to clientele. Why: To provide fair and efficient service to clientele.	95.6% completed within 1 business day (Year-to-date).	Complete 98% of requested reviews/inspections within 1 business day.	On pace to complete target numbers.
PERCENTAGE OF APPROPRIATE STAFF RECEIVING TRAINING/CROSS-TRAINING IN NPDES. What: Federally-mandated unfunded storm water program administration & inspection. Why: To reduce impact of pollutants on watersheds stemming from storm water run-off.	Assess impact on staffing & resources; design & implement program including amendments to local CEQA guidelines & new standard mitigations/conditions to be applied to projects.	Full integration of added duties into Departmental structure.	Evaluation has begun and currently on target for anticipated April 2002 implementation.

At a Glance:

Total FY 2001-2002 Actual Expenditure + Encumbrance:	17,565,313
Total Final FY 2002-2003 Budget:	19,494,261
Percent of County General Fund:	N/A
Total Employees:	109.00

Fiscal Year FY 2001-2002 Key Project Accomplishments:

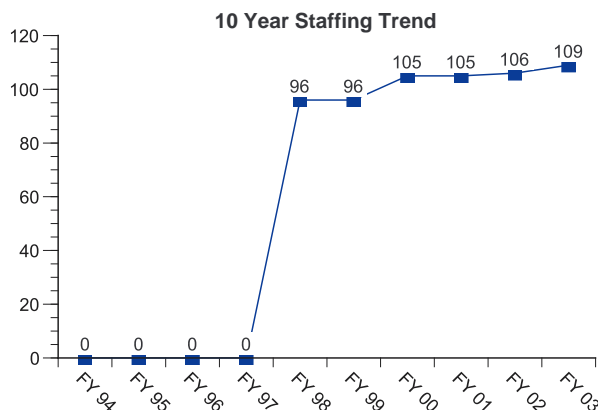
- Expansion of PDSD Online Services via Automated Permitting and Planning System (APPS): Cashiering & Trust Accounts; Grading Plan Check; Permit Initiation & Issuance; Permit Research; Expanded Online Services; Additional External Interfaces (PFRD, Assessor, HCD, HCA); Development of eCommerce Infrastructure; Improvement of GIS Interface; and Expanded reporting capabilities.
- Completion of APPS Phase III.
- Implementation of APPS Phase IV Modules.

SUBDIVISION & GRADING SERVICES - Provides support of additional duties imposed by PDSD's role in Regional Water Quality Control Boards' storm water permits pursuant to the Natural Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES); maintains subdivision tentative maps, reviews & approves street & drainage improvement plans; processes Subdivision Committee agenda; administers the master Plan of Drainage; and issues & inspects grading permits.

BUILDING PERMIT SERVICES - Reviews and approves all plans for building improvements and community development within unincorporated areas of the County for compliance with county building ordinances & applicable state building regulations; issues building, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, use and occupancy permits; and reviews acoustical reports for compliance with county land use and noise compatibility standards.

BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES - Enforces safety codes, ordinances and statutes related to the construction and use of buildings, signs, zoning and community development in unincorporated areas of the County. In an effort to improve reporting organization structure information, the agency-wide shared services were incorporated into this activity.

Ten Year Staffing Trend:



Ten Year Staffing Trend Highlights:

- Planning & Development Services Department was established on November 19, 1996 in accordance with Board Resolution No. 96-825. The staffing change from FY 1998/1999 to FY 1999/2000 is due to converting limited term and extra help Building Inspectors to regular positions. For FY 2001/2002, Board of Supervisors approved position augmentations for a Planner IV for Subdivision and Grading Services Division and an Engineering Tech II for Building Permits Division to provide counter services and process projects to meet the demands of our clients in the DPC. An additional 3 positions were approved for the support of additional duties imposed by our role in the Regional Water Quality Control Boards' storm water permits pursuant to the Natural Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

Budget Summary

Plan for Support of the County's Strategic Priorities:

Consistent with PDSD's Strategic Goals to assist the County with the utilization of integrated computer applications and inter/intra electronic communications; and continue preparation and implementation of the Automated Permitting and Planning System (APPS).

Final Budget and History:

Sources and Uses	FY 2000-2001 Actual Exp/Rev	FY 2001-2002 Final Budget	FY 2001-2002 Actual Exp/Rev ⁽¹⁾	FY 2002-2003 Final Budget	Change from FY 2001-2002 Actual	
					Amount	Percent
Total Positions	-	106	109	109	0	0.00
Total Revenues	22,843,055	19,237,808	15,092,797	19,494,261	4,401,463	29.16
Total Requirements	15,628,582	19,237,808	18,022,999	19,494,261	1,471,261	8.16
Balance	7,214,473	0	(2,930,202)	0	2,930,202	-100.00

(1) Amounts include prior year expenditures and exclude current year encumbrances. Therefore, the totals listed above may not match Total FY 2001-02 Actual Expenditure + Encumbrance included in the "At a Glance" section.

Detailed budget by expense category and by activity is presented for agency: Building and Safety in the Appendix on page 511.

Highlights of Key Trends:

- Continuation of development and implementation for Automated Permitting & Planning System (APPS) Phase IV Applications.